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Dear Parents / Carers

As we continue to work collaboratively to manage the current coronavirus situation in school, I wanted to share some recently published information regarding financial support available through the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme.

Parents and carers of children who have been asked to self-isolate can now claim financial support through the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme [Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme). Parents and carers may be eligible for a £500 test and trace support payment if they meet all of the following criteria: -

They are the parent or guardian of a child in the same household who is self-isolating, and they need to take time off work to care for them

- The child is aged 15 or under, or aged 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, normally attends an education or childcare setting, and has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting
- The parent or carer is unable to work from home and will lose income because they have to care for the child while they are self-isolating
- They meet all the other eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment (i.e. they are receiving or are the partner of someone in the same household who is receiving specified benefits as set out in the guidance, or if not on these benefits they could be eligible for a discretionary payment if they are on a low income and will face financial hardship as a result of self-isolating)

If you do decide that you are eligible, and you wish to apply for this payment, you will also need to provide your child's NHS Test and Trace Account ID, **or the letter from school** asking your child to self-isolate.

Regards

Mr. D. Airey

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